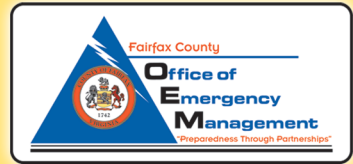


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www.fairfaxcounty.gov

MISSION STATEMENT

In cooperation with internal and external partners, we enhance public protective actions and promote domestic preparedness through a comprehensive and effective emergency management program that will adequately mitigate against, prepare for, respond appropriately to and quickly recover from natural, technological and terrorist related emergencies that may impact the residents of Fairfax County.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Emergency preparedness is a partnership between government and your family. It is important that we both do our part to ensure our community is ready to respond to and recover from a significant emergency. We know that disaster preparedness works best if we both take the necessary steps to reduce the impact of an emergency. This brochure provides information about the steps being taken by the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management and explains our efforts to provide public protective actions. In addition, it outlines steps you should take to protect your family. It also provides locations and sources of emergency information. Please visit our Web site or telephone us for additional information. We know that disasters can strike at any time and we all have a personal responsibility to be ready.

*C. Douglas Bass, Coordinator
Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management*

"Preparedness through

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Having properly trained volunteers who are committed to emergency preparedness and who can respond when a disaster threatens their community will make the county safer for everyone. In times of a significant emergency, trained volunteers may be utilized to augment emergency responders by providing protective actions to affected communities. For information about the various Citizen Corps programs, call 703-246-3460, TTY 711 or visit our Web site at www.fairfaxcountycitizencorps.org.



SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS THROUGH COMMUNITY EMERGENCY ALERT NETWORK

Fairfax County uses the Community Emergency Alert Network, or CEAN, to deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major disaster. Messages will be delivered to all devices you register (e-mail, cell phones, text pagers, satellite phones or wireless PDAs). This system is used in conjunction with other public notification methods to provide emergency information. To subscribe, go to CEAN Web page at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean.



COMPLETE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING AT HOME

Home study, online courses are offered free of charge through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Almost 100 home study courses covering topics such as emergency preparedness, animal protection, weather emergencies, mitigation and disaster recovery are available for download. Once completed, you may take a final exam and qualify for a FEMA certificate of completion. For additional information, go to the FEMA Web site at www.training.fema.gov.



Fairfax County Emergency Management

How We Accomplish Our Mission

- **Provide Emergency Leadership** – We provide vision, direction and emergency management subject matter expertise to heighten Fairfax County's state of emergency readiness. The Emergency Management coordinator and staff serve on local, regional, state and federal committees, task forces and boards to ensure that Fairfax County has a strong voice on issues related to emergency management and homeland security throughout the National Capital Region.
- **Coordinate Emergency Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Mitigation Programs** – Using an "All Hazard Approach" we develop and manage the county's comprehensive Emergency Operation Plan (EOP). We provide emergency management planning for the entire county with a population of more than a million residents. The EOP guides strategic organizational behavior before, during and following a significant emergency. We serve as the county coordination point for federal disaster relief, recovery and mitigation programs
- **Enhance Emergency Resources and Capabilities** – We partner with governmental agencies, volunteers, citizen groups, private sector agencies, businesses and community organizations to prepare for, effectively respond to and quickly recover from significant emergency events. We manage the county's Emergency Operations Center and Alternate Emergency Operations Center. We enhance emergency partnerships through mutual aid and interlocal agreements.
- **Conduct Emergency Training and Exercises** – We coordinate emergency training, simulations and exercises necessary to prepare county agencies and first responders to carry out their roles identified in the county's Emergency Operation Plan, as well as supporting procedures and directives.

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Mission

- **Enhance Homeland Security Program** – In cooperation with the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Fairfax County Health Department, as well as a host of local, state and federal agencies, the Office of Emergency Management conducts planning to ensure that Fairfax County is better prepared to respond to and recover from a chemical, biological, explosive or nuclear event. We manage the county's Homeland Security Task Force and Homeland Security Policy Team to establish policy and better coordinate homeland security information flow within county government. In addition, we manage the Homeland Security grant program for Fairfax County government.
- **Manage Emergency Alert Notification System** – In cooperation with the Office of Public Affairs, Fairfax County Police Department and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, we maintain a Watch Center that provides 24/7 vigilance and has capabilities to notify emergency responders, county employees and residents in the event of a significant emergency event that may affect public safety. These notification programs currently include the Emergency Alert Network program and the Community Emergency Alert Network program.
- **Conduct Preparedness Education and Public Outreach Programs** – We design, develop and conduct public emergency management outreach programs to increase awareness, emergency preparedness and homeland security. We provide training and information on family disaster planning.
- **Enhance Protective Actions for County Employees** – In cooperation with the Facilities Management Department, we provide training and information to our county employees on emergency protective actions.
- **Coordinate Volunteer Management** – In cooperation with the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Volunteer Fairfax and the Citizen Corps Council, we provide direction to the county's Citizen Corps program. In addition, we manage recruitment, registration and identification of "volunteer emergency workers" necessary to support emergency response and recovery efforts.

BE PREPARED AND SELF SUFFICIENT FOR THE FIRST 3 DAYS AND HAVE AN EMERGENCY/COMMUNICATION PLAN



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PREPAREDNESS AND ACTION PLANNING

- ✓ Use an "All Hazard Approach" to Emergency Planning
- ✓ Prepare a Disaster Kit which includes adequate amounts of food and water
- ✓ Use an Emergency Preparedness Check List
- ✓ Have an Emergency Communications Plan
- ✓ Know Your Office, School and/or Day Care Emergency Plan
- ✓ Develop and Discuss an Emergency Plan with Your Family
- ✓ Have an Animal Protection Plan
- ✓ Have a Battery Powered Radio or TV
- ✓ Consider Ways to Help Your Neighbors in Times of Emergency
- ✓ Evacuation or Shelter in Place...Have a Plan for Either Option
- ✓ Schools in Your Neighborhood May be Used as Emergency Shelters

Visit www.fema.gov for a complete list.

STORM READY COUNTY

Fairfax County was the first county in Virginia to be accredited by the National Weather Service as "Storm Ready."



Some 90 percent of all disasters declared by presidents are weather-related, leading to as many as 500 deaths per year and nearly \$14 billion in damage. The Storm Ready program helps the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property. The Storm Ready program assists community leaders and emergency managers in strengthening local safety programs. We are proud to partner with the National Weather Service to ensure our community is better prepared to manage weather-related emergencies. For more information, go to the National Weather Service Web site at www.nws.noaa.gov.



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For additional copies of this publication, please contact the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2362, TTY 711.

WHERE DO I GET EMERGENCY INFORMATION?

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov

Emergency Preparedness for People with Special Needs

www.disability.gov

EMI Independent Study Course

www.training.fema.gov

Fairfax County Government

www.fairfaxcounty.gov

Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem

Federal Emergency Management Agency

www.fema.gov

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

www.dhs.gov

Humane Society of the United States

www.hsus.org

National Disaster Medical Center

www.ndms.dhhs.gov

National Hurricane Center

www.nhc.noaa.gov

National Severe Storms

www.nssl.noaa.gov

National Weather Service

www.nws.noaa.gov

Salvation Army

www.salvationarmyusa.org

IMPORTANT FAIRFAX COUNTY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

To Report a Police, Fire or
Medical Emergency in Fairfax County 911 (voice/TTY)

Non Emergency Police, Fire or Medical 703-691-2131

TTY 703-204-2264

Office of Emergency Management

Main Number 703-324-2362

TTY 711

Emergency Information Line 703-817-7771

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Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. To request special accommodations call 703-324-2362 or TTY 711. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

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